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It has no impact on the fiscal impact of 673, the original bill, and does not affect, as I understand, it is state funds in any way. It seems a basically noncontroversial amendment, a little detail that probably should have been cleared up before and I have no objection to it being on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, let me explain this. This particular amendment is primarily geared to nonclassified personnel in the school systems. Prior to the passage of LB 30, a custodian, a cook, et cetera, could be in or out of the bill. To be consistent, we required everyone to come under the retirement plan in LB 30 but we made the mistake of not taking care of those people, and this will be for a short time only, unless there are those that are hired at age 60 and that is not the usual procedure, but now if they go in past 60, they can't take advantage of the retirement program because they have to have five years and I can't remember the months to be vested. So all they do is put their money in and the only thing the system can do is give their money back at the end of the time and that is not a fair situation to them because we pay seven or eight percent on the previous year's balance. So it is simply to provide for those people who cannot come under the retirement program because of their age, because they would not serve long enough to become a part of the retirement system. It was an oversight on our part when we put the bill out. It costs no money at all. It is trying to collect...it is trying to make the system fair to those people at that age and the problem was called to my attention by Senator Barnett of a case here in Lincoln. But they are forced to get into the system, but they can't vest which makes the case for Senator Barnett that we are trying to make it convenient for people that are working at that age and are paying their money into the system and they can't get the benefits back from it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett, would you close debate on this matter.

SENATOR BARNETT: I think it has been discussed enough, and unless there are any other questions, I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Barnett's amendment, I mean to return. Record your vote. Please vote on this matter. There is a motion to recess until 1 o'clock up here so if we can take care of this bill we might get out five minutes early. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays.

PRESIDENT: The bill is returned, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I move the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.